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Fay Gehres 1904-1997

Fay A. Gehres, 92, of Evansville, died at 9:55 a.m. Friday at Carmel Home in Owensboro, Ky.

He was an engineer for radio stations in Indiana and Kentucky from 1929-32. He joined WGBF in Evansville as technical supervisor in 1932 and worked there 19 years. He designed and constructed transmitters for WGBF, WEOA and other stations.

He was project engineer and supervisor at Electronic Research Inc. for 14 years and held patents as co-inventor of several antennas.

He was a supervisor at Electronics and Communications Control at Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Co. for 13 years.

He was a Naval Reserve veteran and taught war training classes in radio and also television classes at Evansville College from 1944-45. He taught Morse code at ITT and at the Community Center and trained and tested amateur radio operators for licensing.

He was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church, the Institute of Radio Engineers and Tri-State Amateur Radio Society.

Surviving are two daughters, Sister Ruth Gehres of Ferdinand, Ind., and Ruth Gehres Conley of Savannah, Ga.; a son, Robert E. of Chandler, Ind.; a sister, Naomi Bedwell of Cherokee Village, Ark.; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

His wife, Floretta M., died in 1991.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Christ the King Church, Monsignor Kenneth Knapp officiating. The body will be donated to Indiana University Medical Center.

There will be no visitation at Browning Funeral Home.

